

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 10/14/2020 – 10/16/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count 10/16/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	4928	4603
Deaths**	126	61

*Confirmed: positive test result. **Deaths: BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death

City Case Count 10/16/2020	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	4050
Mesa	495	108
Connell	5,500	369
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	54
Kennewick	84,960	2866
Richland	58,550	1057
West Richland	15,710	242
Benton City	3,560	189
Prosser	6220	448
Plymouth	-	17
Paterson	-	12
Not Specified	-	118

Current Hospital Status 10/16/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	330	23	7.0

Case Locations of Interest 10/16/2020	
# of Cases	
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	555
Please visit Washington State Department of Corrections site for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm)	

OPERATIONS SECTION:

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak as described in the 10/1/20 Washington Outbreak report – click link below for report
- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/StatewideCOVID-19OutbreakReport.pdf>
 - General Business Community - 22
 - Long Term Care Facilities - 10
 - HealthCare Settings – 3
 - Childcare Settings – 0
 - Schools – 1

- Effective today the BFHD COVID-19 Incident Command team has transitioned back to the Kennewick BFHD Facility. BFHD Incident Command has been co-located with BCEM and FCEM from the Franklin County Emergency Coordination Center since April. As part of BFHD's sustainability planning for continued COVID response the decision was made to transition the BFHD team back to their facility. Benton County EM will resume their COVID-19 operations from their facility beginning Monday October 19th. Franklin County EM will continue to be the staging hub for both counties' PPE supplies. All agencies will continue their COVID-19 response as before, just from their own facilities. Situation Report (SitRep) will no longer be produced on Tue/Friday, beginning next week the SitRep will only be produced once a week on Wednesday

- Med Tech participated in the weekly Health Officer and DOH coordination call

- The School's Team continues to have weekly calls with the local school districts. Each school district is responsible for making their own decisions regarding when a return to in-person hybrid school will begin. Dr. Amy Person has made recommendations and provided guidance to assist, but the ultimate decision rests with the individual school districts

- Employer Health & Safety Requirements for School Scenarios published 9/30/20
<https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/communications/Employer-Health-and-Safety-Requirements-for-School-Scenarios.pdf>

- Med Tech reviewing data to determine trends and possible causation for increase in COVID Cases

- Continue development of a private gathering/mixed setting data collection form to aid in determination of outbreaks from public and private gatherings

- Analyzed outbreak mitigation spreadsheet to verify case counts in Washington Disease Reporting System (WDRS)

- COVID-19 Vaccine workgroup has been established and is working on advanced planning in preparation for when the COVID vaccine is available

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- Care Coordination team connects people in Isolation or quarantine to the services they need to stay isolated. This may be providing a Walgreens Hygiene kit or a Kroger Food box or connecting them with rent assistance, grocery or prescription delivery or other services. This week Care Coordination had 90 referrals for service
- Contact Tracing team has been busier than usual as there has been an increase as of late in COVID cases to investigate.

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered ***16,137 COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: **Wednesday 10/14, - 168, Thursday 10/15 – 67, Friday 10/16 – 71**
*this total includes #'s from when Toyota Center test site was operational as well)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HAPO Test Site Hours of Operations –Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC-West Test Site administered: To date the site has administered 3278 COVID tests. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 10/15 – 297, Friday 10/16 -181
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC-West Test Site Hours of Operations –Thursday through Monday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. <u>ONLINE REGISTRATION</u> is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Click the link to be taken to the registration page www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC-West testing Site Advertisements are being ran on local media/social media/websites see them here: English Advertisement: https://youtu.be/evWp3m3JcOY Spanish Advertisement: https://youtu.be/4wg4qnr8dsA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasco Processing on-site testing for their employees continues. Roughly 110 tests have been conducted. Testing will continue on Tuesday/Wednesday with an anticipation of 600 additional tests to be conducted at Pasco Processing
<p>COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a media briefing on Tuesday October 20th at 10:30am to discuss the increase in case counts and data trends contributing to that uptick
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for a Masking Survey “check-in” to determine the level on continued compliance with the Governor’s masking mandate. Developing a strategy to survey the general business community not just grocery stores
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD Call Center continues to have a higher than normal call volume with over 84 calls this week the majority of the questions were related to Phase 2 activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD updates Website Twitter and Facebook daily

LOGISTICS:

<p><u>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply the school districts/schools with emergency PPE supplies. Emergency Management can provide small amounts of PPE on an as needed emergency basis for schools. School Districts should coordinate long term PPE needs/projections with ESD123
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves. PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than 10:00am every Friday or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week. Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

<p><u>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday and Friday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday and Friday at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released – Tuesday IAP will cover Wednesday-Friday and the Friday IAP will cover Saturday-Tuesday.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call – next meeting is October 20th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unified Situational Report (SitRep) Change to Wednesdays only will start Oct 21st
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# next meeting October 28th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council – next meeting Oct. 29th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies – next meeting Oct. 29th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Every other Friday at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community’s information/concerns/coordination
<u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure continued communication flow between BCEM and FCEM now that BFHD has transitioned back their facility
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flu vaccination - communicating the importance of receiving a flu shot this year
<u>CURRENT RISKS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">School re-opening across the two counties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flu season and recognition of Flu vs. COVID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Check This out from the CDC titled: “Similarities and Differences between Flu and COVID-19” CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff
Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies
WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer
Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer
Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons